

Listing Of The Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

1. (previously presented) A spindle nut retainer for preventing disengagement of a nut threadedly engaged to a spindle, comprising:

an integral base section and a generally perpendicular peripheral section maintaining a cup-shaped configuration while in place over the nut;

wherein said base section defines a central aperture; and

wherein said peripheral section has an interior surface, includes a plurality of fingers which define one or more longitudinal windows therebetween, said fingers including nut engaging surfaces on the interior surface of the peripheral section, and includes an integrally formed ring at an end of and interconnecting said fingers opposite said base section.

2. (original) The spindle nut retainer of claim 1 wherein said nut engaging surfaces each comprise two angled surfaces.

3. (original) The spindle nut retainer of claim 1 wherein said central aperture is D-shaped.

4. (original) The spindle nut retainer of claim 1 wherein said base section is flat.

5. (original) The spindle nut retainer of claim 1 wherein said base section is reinforced around said central aperture.

6. (original) The spindle nut retainer of claim 1 made from polymer.

7 through 24. cancelled.